



Ports-to-Plains Annual Conference

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Importance of the Border



- 64% of trade between the U.S. and Mexico passes through the Texas-Mexico border.
- \$57 million in trade crossing the border every hour.
- Value is expected to surpass \$1.2 trillion by 2050 — a more than 250% increase from 2019.
- Impact of the border on U.S. and Mexico GDP is expected to grow from \$284 billion in 2019 to \$1 trillion in 2050.

Ports-to-Plains Characteristics



Ports-to-Plains shares a corridor with
9 Interstates, US or State highways

963 miles

I-27(Existing): 125 miles

I-35 (Existing): 30 miles

I-20 (Existing): 11.5 miles

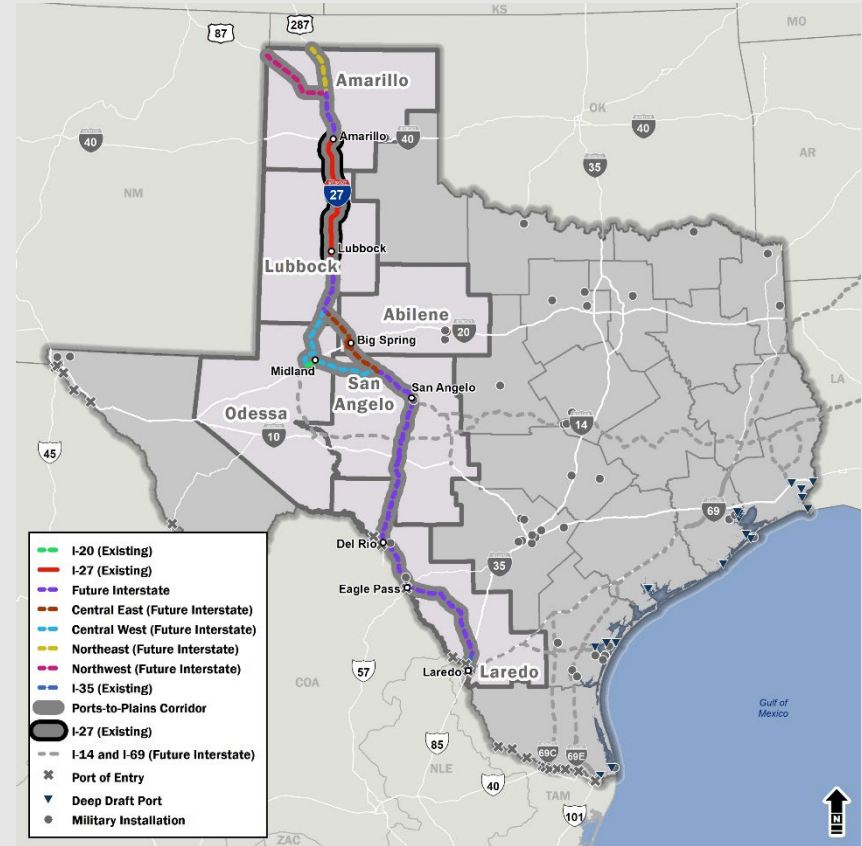
Future Interstate: 808 miles

30 Cities/Towns along route

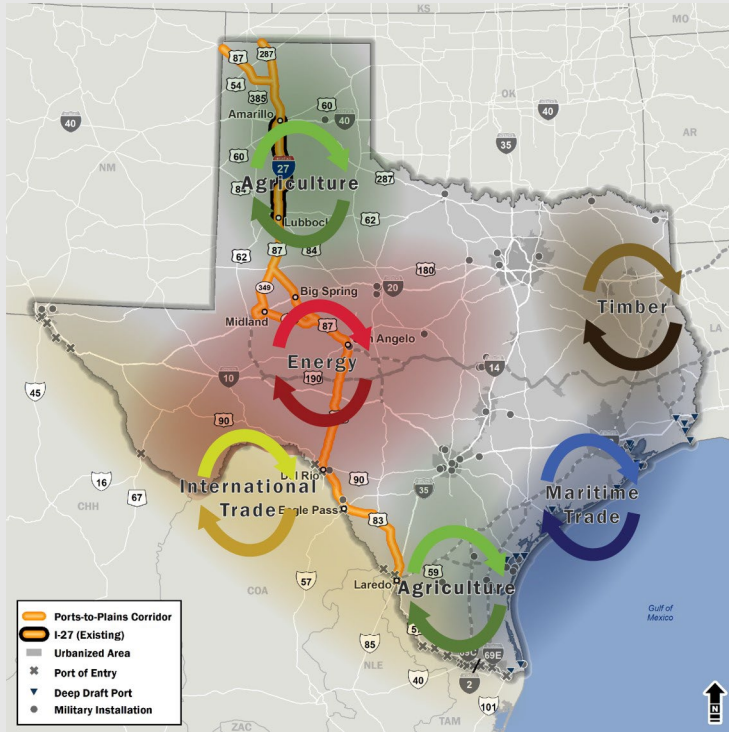
26 Counties

6 Districts

5 MPOs



Economic Impact of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor



- The estimated economic impact of the interstate on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor will be:
 - \$3.4B travel costs saved annually,
 - 17,710 jobs created and
 - \$2.2B in annual GDP increase.
- The estimated economic impact of the interstate on the rest of Texas will be:
 - \$690M travel costs saved annually,
 - 4,400 jobs created, and
 - \$640M annual GDP increase.
- The future interstate would provide a greater demand for **gas stations, truck stops, restaurants, lodging, and other businesses serving passenger and commercial travelers**. This provides opportunities for development and expansion of roadside businesses across the corridor.

International Trade is a Key Economic Sector



Imports and Exports Passing through the Ports-to-Plains Corridor

Below are imports from Mexico that will be trucked to states other than Texas and exports from the U.S. to Mexico that will be trucked from states other than Texas and will **pass through the Corridor in 2050**.

■ \$138B Imports from Mexico

- States West of the Mississippi River
 - \$102B (Largest beneficiary is California at \$36B)
- States East of the Mississippi River
 - \$36B (Largest beneficiary is Illinois at \$22B)

■ \$53B Exports from Mexico

- \$36B (Largest beneficiary is California at \$12B)
- \$17B (Largest beneficiary is Illinois at \$11B)

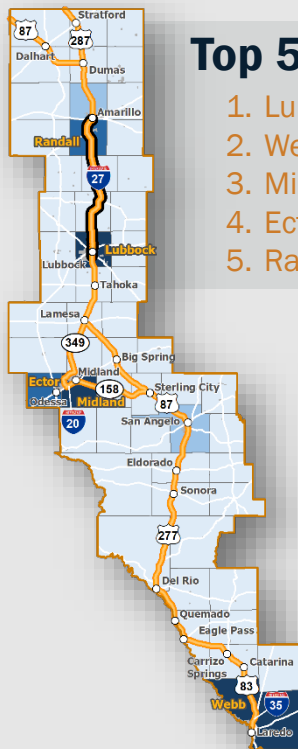
- Laredo, Del Rio and Eagle Pass Border Crossings had **\$262 billion** in 2019 cross-border trade.

- **Port of Laredo** - Top inland commercial port of entry at the U.S. and Mexico border.

Ports-to-Plains System Sociodemographic Impact: Total Employment – 2020 & 2050



2020



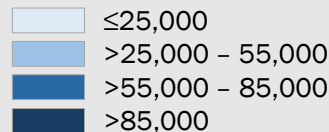
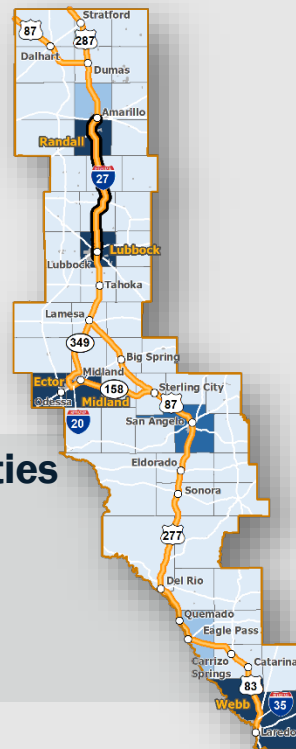
Top 5 Counties

1. Lubbock
2. Webb
3. Midland
4. Ector
5. Randall

895k

17%
growth

2050



Ports-to-Plains Corridor
I-27 (Existing)

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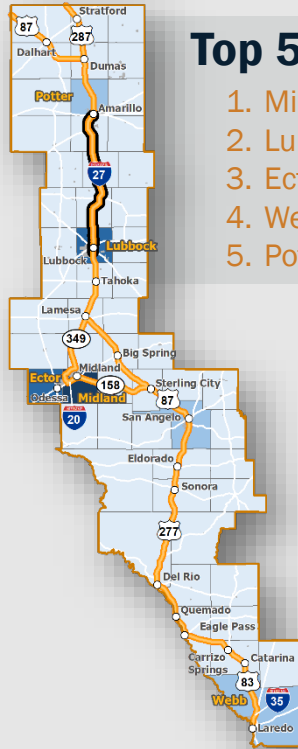
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Source: Moody's Analytics, 2021

Ports-to-Plains System Economic Impact: Gross Regional Product (GRP) – 2020 & 2050



2020



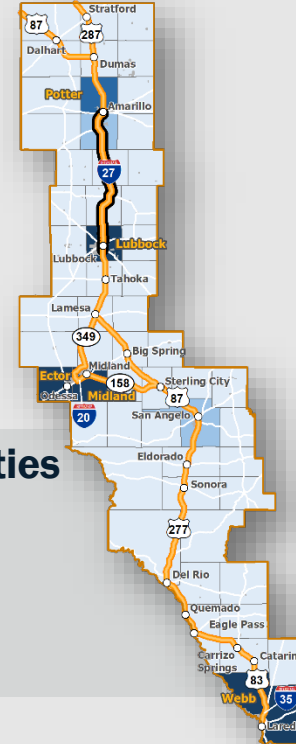
Top 5 Counties

1. Midland
2. Lubbock
3. Ector
4. Webb
5. Potter

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69%
growth

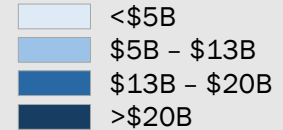
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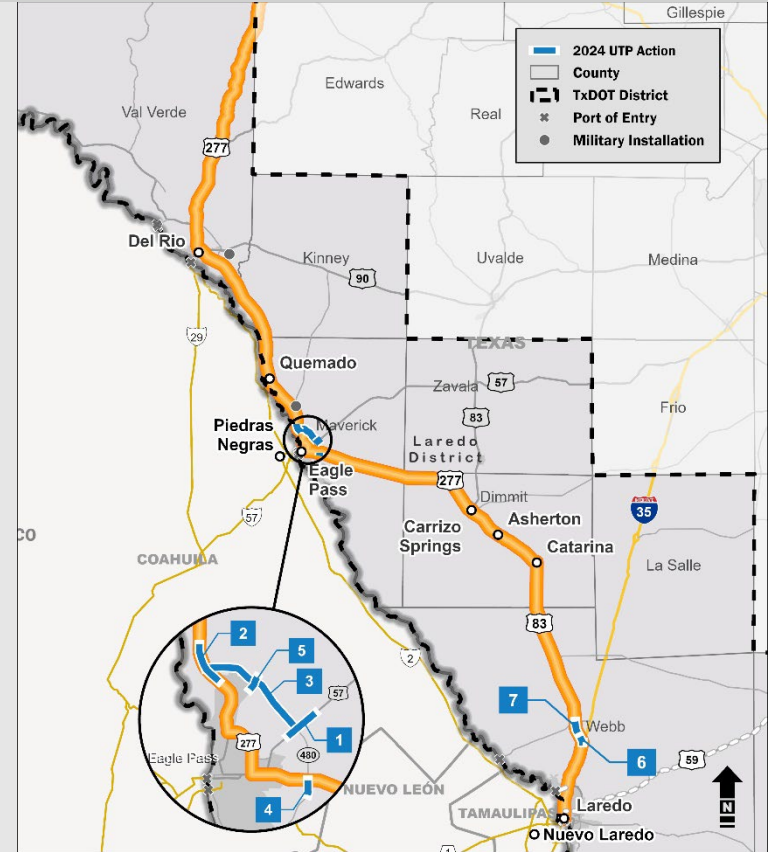


Ports-to-Plains Corridor
I-27 (Existing)

Source: Moody's Analytics, 2021



- **\$100B** record-setting UTP passed in August.
- **30 projects** along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor are listed in the **2024 UTP**.
- **7 projects** are along the border (Laredo District).
 - These projects amount to **\$219** million in investment over the next **10 years**





- All trucks passing through the World Trade Bridge annually lined up would circle the earth **2.4 times**.
- All trucks that leave Texas and Mexico annually lined up would circle the Earth roughly **7 times**.
- Almost **80%** of trade moving across the three international border crossings of Laredo, Eagle Pass and Del Rio are moved by truck.
- Freight volumes in the Ports-to-Plains Corridor are expected to grow by **78%** between **2018** and **2050** adding **73 million tons of freight**.



Laredo District Projects



- The Laredo District completed more than **\$72 million in construction projects over the last six years** along the Ports to Plains Corridor.
- More than **\$252.4 million** in ongoing construction projects.
- More than **\$687.2 million** of ongoing funded projects being developed.





Thank you!